AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION / MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT					CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE C	1
AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.     (two)	3. EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATELY		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE		REQ. NO	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)		
6. ISSUED BY CODE REGIONAL CONTRACTING OFFICE USAID/SOUTH AFRICA 9300 PRETORIA PLACE WASHINGTON DC 20521-9300			7. ADMINISTERED BY CODE  (If other than Item 6)					
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No.		X	RFA 654-02-A-001  9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)  10/05/01					
					10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE FACILITY CODE								
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS								
X  The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended is not extended. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.								
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)								
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.								
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify Authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.								
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY								SET
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:								
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)								
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor   is not,   is required to sign this document and return copies to the issuing office.								
The attachment to this amendment addresses que	estions received	from prospective applicar	nts:					
F 15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or prin	16A NAME AND TITLE (	TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)						
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR 15C. DATE SK		15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES C	OF AM	AMERICA 16C. DATE SIGNED			SIGNED

QUESTION 1: Is the due date/time of November 13, 2001 at 3:00pm valid regardless of which office we submit to (DC or Pretoria)?

ANSWER: The address in Washington is the US mailing address for delivery via diplomatic pouch to USAID in Pretoria. The US State Department forwards mail to US Embassies worldwide via this system. The address of 9300 Pretoria Place is used as an identifier in the sorting for the pouch and is not a physical street address. It usually takes from 10 to 14 days for mail to be received via the pouch. To be considered, USAID/Pretoria must receive applications by 3:00 PM South African time. The addresses that can be used for this RFA are as follows:

Mailing Address via Diplomatic Pouch: Regional Contracts Office, USAID/South Africa 9300 Pretoria Place Washington, DC 20521-9300

Postal Address in South Africa: Regional Contracts Office, USAID/South Africa P. O. Box 55380 Arcadia 0007 Pretoria, South Africa

Street Address for Courier Delivery: Regional Contracts Office, USAID/South Africa Ninth Floor, Sancardia Building

**524 Church Street** 

Pretoria, South Africa

The electronic submission of an Application is not authorized for this RFA. However, in order to ensure that timely Applications which are not received because of delays in the mail, organizations may include a copy of their Application document as an email attachment to fhlatshwayo@usaid.gov. If the Application is received and it is determined that it was not submitted on a timely basis, then the copy attached to the email cannot be considered.

Question 2: Does USAID have a predetermined start-date for the project?

<u>Answer</u>: There is no predetermined start date. Start dates will be set during agreement negotiations, but should be within a reasonable time after award.

Question: Page 30: Budget, bullet 4: Is the 25% cost share to be computed from the Award amount (\$1,875,000) or from the very total (award + match), in other words 2.5 Million?

<u>Answer:</u> The cost-sharing amount is 25% of USAID funding.

Question 4: Is there any restriction as to how much is to be raised in-kind versus in Cash, for this RFA?

<u>Answer:</u> There are no prescribed limits in this RFA on cash verses in-kind contributions for cost sharing.

<u>Question 5:</u> Could you clarify whether you expect the cost proposal to be submitted in a separate volume? If you do not expect a separate volume, please clarify if the cost proposal supporting

documents (i.e. self-certifications, detailed budget worksheets supporting the SF424) count in the total page count (40 pages with annexes).

<u>Answer</u>: A separate volume is not required for costs, the forms and budget support sheets are not counted in the 40-page limit.

Question 6: We would like to seek clarification on Section C. 3. (d). This section states that we need to 'identify and briefly describe the qualifications for the key personnel and to include in annex resumes (if already hired)'. Does this mean that if we plan to bring someone in to work in any of the key positions that we do necessarily need to include the CVs if they are not already hired. If we do not provide the CV, how will this be factored in the total points compared to another bidder that has included all CVs of key personnel?

<u>Answer:</u> It is recommended that CVs be included for all proposed key personnel including those identified but not hired. The CV includes details on education, previous employers, periods of service and other details that will help in the evaluation of the individual's qualifications. Lacking a CV, you should discuss their qualifications in sufficient detail to establish the individual's ability to do the job. The technical evaluation committee will make a judgement on the individuals qualification based on the information provided, not on whether that information was provided in CV or otherwise.

Question 7: On Section C. 2 - Past Performance, can you clarify if the second bullet refers to only similar or related projects or all projects being implemented by our organization in Angola.

<u>Answer</u>: Past Performance references should primarily encompass similar activities in the health sector regardless of location. Additional references regarding other pertinent activities may also be included.